Compensation for Monsanto's corn seeds in Andhra Pradesh

4006. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the hybrid com seeds-Decalbo supplied by the Monsanto to the farmers of Andhra Pradesh, particularly in Mahboob Nagar and other districts, have failed to give higher yield than the conventional output;

(b) whether Government are also aware that Monsanto has widely publicized that by using their seeds, farmers would get higher yield;

(c) what are the reasons for failure of formulation of Decalbo seeds supplied by the Monsanto; and

(d) how Government are planning to compensate the farmers of that State in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (d) It has been reported by Government of Andhra Pradesh that complaints were received about poor performance of Maize Hybrids DECALBO (pinnacle) from farmers of Mahbubnagar and Karimnagar District. The failure has occured due to Non-synchronization of anthesis and pollination of the seeds setting was poor and there was loss in yield. On the basis of reports of the teams of scientists compensation of Rs. 16.16 lakh and Rs. 13.5 lakh was paid to the farmers of Mahbubnagar and Karimnagar districts respectively.

Boosting horticulture export

4007. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE :
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the country produces nearly eleven per cent of all the world's vegetables and fifteen per cent of all fruits, yet its share in global exports of vegetables is only 1.7 per cent and in fruits, a meager 0.5 per cent only;

(b) if so, what are the major factors which are undermining out country's potential for reaching super markets around the globe; and